

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

3ubai/ 1. A function appending method for a digital camera which records image
2 data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising the steps
3 of:
4 receiving a program recorded on an external recording medium
5 connected to the digital camera exchangeably;
6 storing the program into a recording medium provided in the digital
7 camera;
8 reading out the program from the recording medium in the digital
9 medium at a desired time; and
10 executing the program.

1 2. A function appending method for a digital camera which records image
2 data by converting an image pickup light photoelectrically, comprising the steps
3 of:
4 receiving a program recorded on an external recording medium and
5 sent therefrom via a communication line;
6 storing the program onto a recording medium provided in the digital
7 camera;
8 reading out the program from the recording medium in the digital
9 medium at a desired time; and
10 executing the program.

1 3. The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, further
2 comprising the step of: deleting a desired program from recording medium in
3 the digital camera.

1 4. The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, further
2 comprising the step of: deleting a desired program from recording medium in
3 the digital camera.

1 5. The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
2 program is a print image data generating program.

1 6. The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the
2 program is a print image data generating program.

1 7. The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
2 program is a communication program.

1 8. The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the
2 program is a communication program.

1 9. The function appending method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
2 image data is recorded on the recording medium in the digital camera.

1 10. The function appending method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the
2 image data is recorded on the recording medium in the digital camera.

1 11. A digital camera for recording image data by converting an image
2 pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:
3 external program reception means for receiving a program recorded
4 on an external recording medium, which is connected thereto exchangeably, to
5 store the program into a recording medium provided therein; and
6 execution control means for reading out the program from the
7 recording medium at a desired time to execute the read out program.

1 12. A digital camera for recording image data by converting an image
2 pickup light photoelectrically, comprising:
3 external program reception means for receiving a program recorded
4 on an external recording medium and sent therefrom via a communication line
5 to store the program into a recording medium provided therein; and
6 execution control means for reading out the program from the
7 recording medium at a desired time to execute the read out program.

1 13. The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, further comprising:
2 program deleting means for deleting a desired program from the
3 recording medium provided therein.

1 14. The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, further comprising:
2 program deleting means for deleting a desired program from the
3 recording medium provided therein.

1 15. The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the program is a
2 program for generating print image data, and further comprising:

3 print data transmitting means for transmitting the print image data
4 generated by executing the program to a printing device.

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1 16. The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the program is a
2 program for generating print image data, and further comprising:

3 print data transmitting means for transmitting the print image data
4 generated by executing the program to a printing device.

1 17. The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the program is a
2 communication program for communicating data with a terminal device
3 connected to the communication line.

1 18. The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the program is a
2 communication program for communicating data with a terminal device
3 connected to the communication line.

1 19. The digital camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the image data is
2 recorded onto the recording medium provided therein.

1 20. The digital camera as set forth in claim 12, wherein the image data is
2 recorded onto the recording medium provided therein.

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